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In accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby provided to members of the Alpine Fire District and the general public that a public meeting will be convened at the Alpine Fire Station on the date specified within this notice. The District Board may enter into executive session regarding any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), for the purpose of obtaining legal counsel from the district's attorney or addressing matters detailed within the agenda. Participation by teleconference is permitted for District Board members and other attendees. The topics listed below, along with any related variables, are subject to review, discussion, approval, or other action by the Board. All items are scheduled for potential action.

MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE ALPINE FIRE DISTRICT STATION 1 – ALPINE
#42688 HWY 180
ALPINE, AZ 85920

DATE POSTED: May 25, 2026

POSTED BY: FIRE CHIEF TRAVIS NOTH for the Board.

The meeting room will be accessible to the public at 8:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL 8:30 A.M.

Minutes – For the May 20, 2026 ALPINE FIRE DISTRICT REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chief Noth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL BOARD MEMBERS.

Board members present were Linda Fite, Dow Waite, Tom White, and Tony Pellegrino.

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of the May 20, 2026 Regular Monthly Board Meeting Agenda.

Treasurer Waite moved to approve the May 20, 2026, Regular Monthly Board Meeting agenda. Clerk Fite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Confirmation and Oath of Office for the appointment of Kathy Given to fill the current vacancy on the Alpine Fire District Board of Directors. Chairman White invited Kathy Given to stand and recite the Board Member Oath of Office. Prior to being sworn in, she was provided with the Arizona Open Meeting Law Handbook and the Alpine Fire District Board of Directors Bylaws. Member Pellegrino moved to confirm the Oath of Office, and Clerk Fite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
6. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Approval of the April 15, 2026 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes and May 6, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Treasurer Waite moved to approve the April 15, 2026, Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes and the May 6, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes. Clerk Fite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
7. **Public Comment Invitation:** A.R.S. § 38-431.01(I) A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. Individual's wishing to address the Board must complete a Request to Speak Form before the meeting begins. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes to present their remarks to the Board.
None.

Monthly Reports from Officers and Committees.

8. **Discussion and Possible Action:** FY 27 Budget Committee Report. The Budget Committee presented a proposed FY 27 budget to the Board. The committee explained that, due to rising operating costs and the lack of wildland income, the district may need to consider raising the levy to support operating expenditures. A more detailed budget, including the recommended levy amount and fund balance, will be presented at the June meeting. Treasurer Waite moved to table the FY 27 budget until the June meeting, and Clerk Fite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
9. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Alpine Fire District Monthly Financial Report.

Treasurer Waite presented the monthly financial report, including the following account balances:

- AFD Warrant Account: -\$33,796.99
- AFD BMO Account: \$343,419.13
- Total: \$309,622.14

Treasurer Waite noted that the district's overall balance remains strong due to grant funding received for radios. However, the warrant account remains significantly lower than in the prior year, largely because the district has not received wildland fire income this year as it did last year. The current profit and loss report shows that the district is using its budget as planned and is tracking in line with projections. Member Pellegrino moved to approve the Financial Report, and Member Given seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

10. Discussion and Possible Action: Alpine Fire District Monthly Operational Report.

Chief Noth presented the monthly operational report, which included the following updates:

- The district responded to 20 calls during April.
- Three Rural EMS invoices were submitted; one was denied.
- Communications grant funding has been received, and the project is progressing well.
- Funding for the rescue truck has been secured. The build-out will begin when the opportunity to start the project becomes available.
- The 25th Annual Alpine Fire District Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for May 23, 2026, from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM.
- The Alpine Fire District supported the Alpine Community Softball Game on May 19, 2026.

Member Pellegrino moved to accept the Operational Report, and Clerk Fite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

11. Discussion and Possible Action: Alpine Fire District Monthly Board Report.
None.

OLD BUSINESS.

12. Discussion and Possible Action: DPS Communications Site Transfer.

The Board discussed the anticipated costs of the communications site transfer, including the expense of acquiring the site compared with remaining at the current location.

Treasurer Waite moved not to pursue the DPS communications site. Member Pellegrino seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

13. Discussion and Possible Action: Alpine East and Greenlee County Annexation Project.

Cheryl Thurman of Terra Southwest presented the legal description and mapping for the Greenlee County Annexation Project. She also reviewed the obstacles encountered during the process and stated that she hopes to have the project ready for presentation to the Blue River community soon. Member Pellegrino moved to accept Cheryl Thurman's report, and Treasurer Waite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS.

14. Discussion Only: Presentation from White Mountain Firefighters Association.

Keith Plympton of the White Mountain Firefighters Association presented an overview of the services and benefits the association provides to its members. During discussion, Member Given asked who would benefit from membership. It was noted that the association does not currently provide services for reserve firefighters and is available only to full-time fire personnel. It was also noted that only three full-time fire personnel are needed to establish a chapter. Treasurer Waite clarified that the district cannot prevent members from joining the union. Discussion only; no action was taken.

15. Discussion and Possible Action: Alpine Fire District Open Burning Permit Agreement.

Treasurer Waite moved to approve the ADEQ-approved Open Burning Permit Agreement. Clerk Fite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

16. Discussion and Possible Action: Removal of past Board Members Dave Real and Lavon Martin from the Alpine Fire District BMO Banking Account.

Treasurer Waite moved to remove Dave Real and Lavon Martin as signers on the Alpine Fire District BMO Account. Clerk Fite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

17. Discussion and Possible Action: Add Board Members Treasurer Dow Waite, Clerk Linda Fite, and Chairman Tom White as signers for the Alpine Fire District BMO Banking Account.

Member Pellegrino moved to add Dow Waite and Linda Fite as signers on the Alpine Fire District BMO Account. Member Given seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

18. Discussion Only: Alpine Fire District BMO Banking Account updates and programs presentation.

Chris Hale of BMO Bank presented information on available banking programs and offered guidance on improving management of the district's current account. Discussion only; no action was taken.

19. Discussion Only: 2026 Election information.

The Call of Election posting requirements have been met. All three open board positions for this election year have received candidate paperwork. Board members were provided with handouts containing the election calendar and key deadlines for reference. Discussion and information only.

20. Discussion and Possible Action: Apache County Elections IGA (Revision).

Member Pellegrino moved to approve the revised Apache County Elections IGA. Treasurer Waite seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

21. Discussion and Possible Action: Confirm Date and Time of the June meeting.

Treasurer Waite moved to set the June meeting for June 10, 2026, at 8:30 AM. Member Pellegrino seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

22. Discussion Only: Consideration of Agenda Items for the June meeting.

- **Employment Agreements.**
- **FY 27 Budget.**
- **Greenlee County Annexation.**
- **Pancake Breakfast Report.**

23. ADJOURNMENT.

Member Pellegrino moved to adjourn the meeting, and Treasurer Waite seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM.

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